

Art Unit: 2616

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-13, filed 11/20/06, with respect to amended claims 1,5,9,13,17, and 18 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-18 and 21-24 have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Cindy Kaplan on January 4, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In the specification, page 12, line 11, "**, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,611,551,**" has been inserted between "U.S. Patent App. No. 09/234,929" and "filed on January 21, 1999".
- In the specification, page ¹²18, line 18, "**, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,442,130,**" has been inserted between "U.S. Patent App. No. 09/234,629" and "filed on January 21, 1999".

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